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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
clean water act — south carolina state revolving fund

PROJECT: East Richland County Public Service District
64-Inch Interceptor Sewer Project
Richland County

This Department, under Section 48-5-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, has the authority and responsibility to conduct environmental reviews and approve preliminary engineering reports (PER) prepared for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program.

Our review has determined that the nature of this project is such that a full environmental review is not warranted and that the PER is substantively exempt from environmental review requirements, including Federal environmental crosscutting authorities, under the State Environmental Review Process. The Department has determined that the proposed project will not individually, or cumulatively over time, have a significant effect on the quality of the environment, and hereby issues this Categorical Exclusion (CE).

This CE coincides with the approval of the PER entitled "Preliminary Engineering Report for the 64-Inch Interceptor Project," dated November 2015. The report recommends the installation of approximately 2,500 linear feet of 64-inch interceptor sewer from just south of SC Highway 12 (Forest Drive) and just east of Gills Creek to the Quail Lane Pump Station. The new 64-inch interceptor sewer will replace two existing 54-inch and 42-inch interceptor sewers that combine into a 54-inch interceptor sewer at the bar screen preceding the pump station and will be located in the existing right-of-way. During rain events, percolation and/or groundwater enters the existing interceptor sewer system through pipe joints, pipe walls and manhole walls. This inflow creates high flows at the Quail Lane Pump Station causing operational difficulties in processing the excessive flows. The estimated capital cost for the proposed project is \$3,471,160. East Richland County Public Service District owns and operates the system and will implement the plan.

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